WHEREAS, For twenty-five years the National Association for Retarded Citizens has devoted its time and energies to improving the quality of life for this nation's six million mentally retarded citizens; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota Association for Retarded Citizens, a state member unit of the National Asscciation for Retarded Citizens, has for twenty-four years carried on an untiring effort in our community to ensure that mentally retarded citizens are able to live a normal life in their communities; and,

WHEREAS, The National Association for Retarded Citizens traditionally celebrates November as National Retarded Citizens Month; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota State Legislature recognizes the contributions of the South Dakota Association for Retarded Citizens and the value of their efforts to all residents of this State:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 1977, as

MENTAL RETARDATION MONTH

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 25t day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven

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RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE